Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential sales, commercial sales, and industrial sales showed a decline in September of 1983 compared to last year. Residential sales decreased 7.5 percent, commercial sales decreased 4.8 percent, and industrial sales decreased 7.7 percent. Total gas utility sales were down 7.0 percent from 783.5 trillion Btu in September 1982 to 728.3 trillion Btu in September 1983.

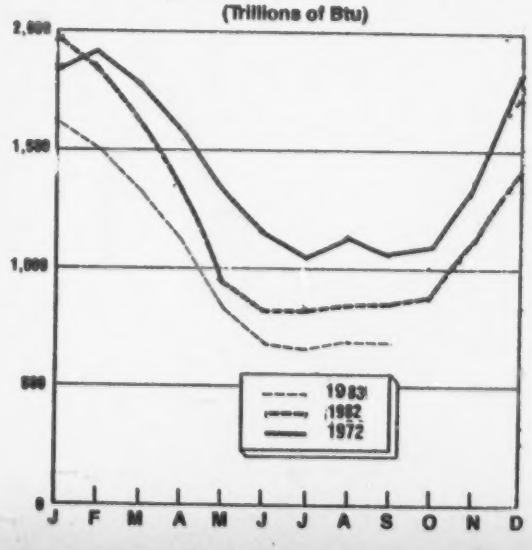
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	September			Year to Date (% change from)		January 1 to December 31		
	1983	1982	% Change[2]	1983*	Last Period	1983 Forecast[1]	1982	% Change
Residential	127.6	137.9	- 7.5	3,242.7	- 10.0	4,472.1	4,770.0	- 6.2
Commercial	96.9	101.8	- 4.8	1,680.4	- 9.1	2,315.8	2,471.3	- 6.3
Industrial	495.4	536.7	- 7.7	4,270.8	- 19.4	5,861.6	6,891.6	-14.9
Other	8.4	7.1	-	105.1	-	154.0	147.6	-
Total	728.3	783.5	- 7.0	9,299.0	- 14.4	12,803.5	14,280.5	-10.3

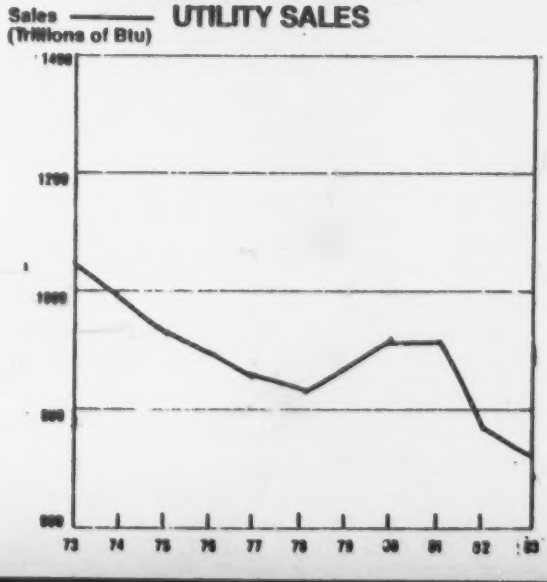
Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

*The year to date sales figures have been adjusted to reflect 1982 Gas Facts.

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

September

	1983	1982[R]	% Change '82 vs '83
Domestic Range			
Gas	154.2	132.6	+ 16.3
Electric	249.6	168.8	+ 47.9
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	62.5	55.0	+ 13.6
Electric	246.5	190.1	+ 29.7
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	176.3	125.6	+ 40.4
Electric	36.3	17.5	+ 107.2
Oil	18.0	16.3	+ 10.4
Boilers			
Gas	18.3	21.1	- 13.1
Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 1.0
Oil	10.5	10.1	+ 3.5

[R]Revised

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

September

	1983	1982	% Change '82 vs '83
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	165.2	108.3	+ 52.5
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	590.5	517.6	+ 14.1
Electricity	342.3	332.5	+ 2.9
Fuel Oil	631.2	685.9	- 8.0
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	87.8	94.4	- 7.0
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.81	5.97	+ 14.1
Commercial	5.52	4.98	+ 10.8
Industrial	4.20	4.07	+ 3.2
Total	4.83	4.52	+ 6.9

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P] (1st qtr)	5.20	5.61	5.42	4.50	5.07
(2nd qtr)	5.16	5.97	5.55	4.41	4.62

[P]Preliminary

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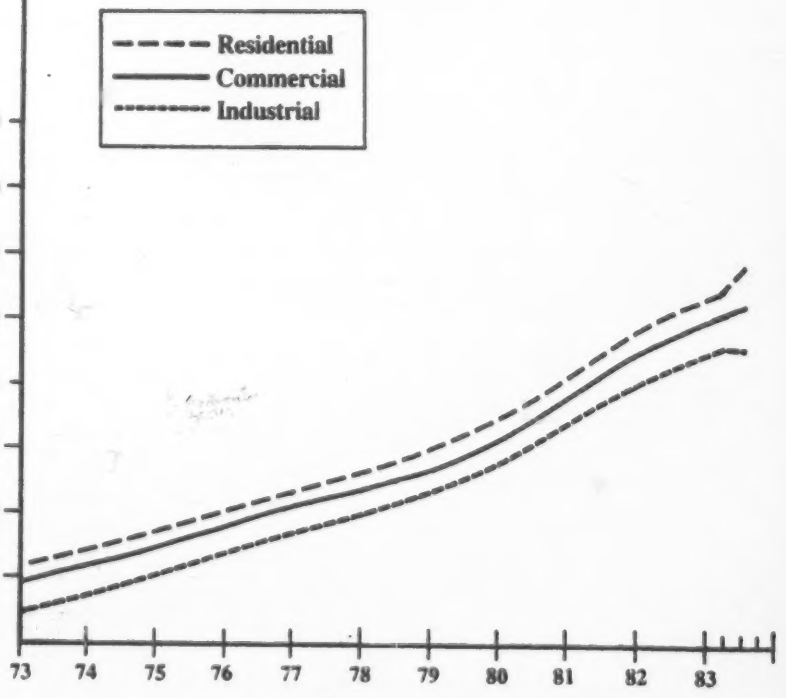

[1]1983 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months of 1983 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.